GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read again, G. O. No. 270, Revenue, dated 23rd March 1900.

Abstract.—Fixing the price of quinine supplied to Local Fund and Municipal Hospitals, to other Provinces, to the Native States and to the general public at Rs. 14 per pound from 1st April 1900 and the price of powders sold under the pice-packet system at 2 pies for 5-grain powder.

Read again, G. O. No. 131, Revenue, dated 1st February 1904.

Abstract.—Approving the introduction of the system of sale of quinine in 7-grain pice powders.

Read again, G. O. No. 537, Revenue, dated 27th May 1904.

Abstract.—Approving of the draft rules for the sale of 7-grain pice-packets at Post offices.

Read also letter from the Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 18th October 1904, No. 47.

Abstract.—Reports that the new scheme of 7-grain quinine powders will probably be inaugurated from the 1st February 1904.

ORDER No. 1387, REVENUE, DATED 20TH DECEMBER 1904.

Miscellaneous.

The Government resolve to introduce the new system of selling quinine in 7-grain pice powders in this Presidency and at the Imperial Post Offices in Coorg and in the Native States of Mysore, Hyderabad, Travancore and Cochin on the 1st February 1905. The notification and rules issued in Government Order No. 270, dated 23rd March 1900, will be cancelled and in their place the notification and rules appended hereto (which latter were approved of in Government Order No. 537, dated 27th May 1904) will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the District Gazettes in English and the chief vernacular languages.

2. The Director, Government Cinchona Plantations, will arrange, in communication with the Postmaster-General, to recover from all Postmasters on the abovementioned date, the 5-grain powders remaining unsold with the balance in cash, if any, required to make up the amount of their permanent advance of seven packets of the new pice-powders for sale from that date. Similar arrangements will be made in consultation with the Collectors in those Districts in which quinine powders are sold by the Revenue officials, and the Collectors concerned will be requested to publish the necessary notification of the impending change.

3. The Residents at Hyderabad and in Mysore, Travancore and Cochin and the Chief Commissioner of Coorg will be addressed.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. N. ATKINSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To—The Director, Government Cinchona Plantations.
" Accountant-General.
" Surgeon-General.
" Postmaster-General.
" Collectors of all Districts.
" Superintendent, Government Press.
Copy to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

NOTIFICATION.

RULES FOR THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT QUININE AT POST OFFICES.

1. Government quinine manufactured at the Nedivattam factory will be kept for sale at all Post offices in the Madras Presidency (with the exception of those noted in the margin) and in the Native States of Cochin, Hyderabad, Travancore and Mysore.

* Post offices in the District of Madras and in the towns of the Chingleput District which are suburbs of Madras Town.

NOTE.—It must be understood that these rules do not apply to Post offices in the Native State of Puddukkottai.

2. The Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, will arrange for the supply of the quinine direct to each Post office in small packets each containing 102 seven-grain powders, to be sold at the rate of 3 pies per powder.

3. The amount to be accounted for by the Post office on each packet will be Rs. 1-8-0 and the one-and-a-half anna in excess which will be realized by the sale of the 102 powders will be the vendor's commission on the sales effected by him.

4. Seven packets each containing 102 will be issued to each of the offices concerned and the value of those packets, *viz.*, Rs. 10-8-0, at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per packet is considered as a permanent advance for quinine.

5. Postmasters must replenish their stock of quinine as soon as they have sold five packets by indenting on the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Ootacamund. It will be the Postmaster's duty to see that his stock is regularly replenished in time before the supply is exhausted.

6. Each indent for a fresh supply of quinine must be accompanied by a remittance made by money order for the value of the packets indented for, at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per packet, less the money order commission on the total value of the remittance.

7. Any quantity of quinine may be indented for at a time, provided that the indent is for not less than five packets of 102 powders each and that it does not include a fraction of a packet.

8. The indent for a fresh supply of quinine must always be written on the coupon of the money order, in the form given below :—

"Please send per return post five packets (or six packets as the case may be) of quinine powders."

_____ Name

_____ Postmaster.

Date____

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Name Stamp.

The amount remitted as well as the commission for the money order should be met by the Postmaster from the sale proceeds of quinine held as a permanent advance. The money order should be made payable to the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Ootacamund. The Postmaster should clearly impress the name stamp of his office at the bottom of the coupon containing the indent in order that the name of the office to which quinine is to be forwarded may be readily ascertained.

9. When the charge of an office is transferred, the full amount of the permanent advance of 714 powders of quinine must be made over to the relieving official, and it may be either in quinine or in cash or partly in quinine and partly in cash; but for every four annas thus made over in cash, 3 pies may be deducted (being the commission on the sale of 16 powders) from the permanent advance. No commission is allowed on the sale of any number less than 16 powders. The transfer of the permanent advance in the manner described above on account of quinine must be entered at the foot of the charge report forwarded to the Superintendent.

10. Communications on the subject to the Director of the Government Cinchona Plantations, Nilgiris, may be sent on postal service, but with this exception, everything relating to the transmission of quinine and the remittance of money to pay for it will be at the charge of the Government Cinchona Department.

11. The packets containing the powders of quinine must not be exposed to damp, as otherwise the quinine may deteriorate.

12. Superintendents and Inspectors when verifying the accounts of first class head offices and inspecting other Post offices authorised to vend quinine should examine the permanent advance for quinine and see that it is correct. They should also make careful inquiries as to the manner in which the instructions conveyed in Rule 11 are carried out, and make notes in their verification or inspection reports on the progress of the scheme and of any matters of interest or importance in connection therewith, furnishing at the same time statistics of sales effected during the period to which the verification or inspection relates.